



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: State Board of Health

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-100-166 Immunization of childcare and school children against certain vaccine preventable diseases.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.20.050, RCW 28A.210.070, RCW 28A.080, RCW 28A.210.100

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The rule may need to be changed to require immunization against varicella (chickenpox) for school entry and child care. The Advisory Council on Immunization Practices, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Family Medicine recommend vaccination of children against varicella. The effectiveness and efficacy of this vaccine has been demonstrated. Children who do not contract the disease nor receive a varicella vaccination during childhood face serious complications as adults if they contract the disease later in life. Varicella manifests as herpes zoster (shingles) in adults who contracted the disease as children. There may be significant economic losses associated with parents having to stay home to tend to children with chickenpox. Most states require varicella for school entry.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The Superintendent of Public Instruction, under RCW 28A.210.150 and WAC 382-182-020, provides procedures for schools to verify immunization status of students transferring from one school to another before actual immunization records are received. The State Board of Education under RCW 28A.210.160 and WAC 180-38-005 sets procedural and substantive due process requirements governing exclusion of students for failure to comply with immunization requirements. The Department of Social and Health Services sets immunization requirements for children in licensed day care settings under RCW 74.15 and WAC 388-150-220. SBOH and DOH will work with these agencies to assure they have opportunities to review any proposed changes in immunization requirements.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) collaborative

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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